

## SHIPPING NEWS

## Steamers Spencer and Bailey Gatzert Have Race on River.

## SAILORS ARE HARD TO GET

Steamer Potter Will Go on Astoria-Portland Run on Her Summer Schedule on July 1—Several Ships on the En Route List and Others Scheduled.

For the first time this season the steamer Chas. R. Spencer tried conclusions with the Bailey Gatzert yesterday on the Upper Columbia, and according to the distance traversed and the time consumed is entitled to carry the broom, although she reached her Portland dock later than her opponent. Going up the river the Gatzert led the race to Washougal, but from there on the Spencer forged ahead, and was first to reach Cascades Locks. The Spencer continued to Stevenson, but the Gatzert swung around and returned to Portland. It was about 7:30 when the Gatzert's whistle announced her arrival, and shortly after the Spencer hove in sight below the bridges. With plenty of work on shore sailors arriving here are not in a great hurry to sign for new voyages, and vessels ready to depart are anxiously looking to the sources from which tars are to be had. The American bark Hecla would have been started for Manila a couple of days ago but for the fact that her skipper has so far been unable to get men he wants.

Captain Nelson has managed to secure five men and unless the other five wanted are secured without much delay he will send to Seattle for them, it being said that sailors are not so hard to get there at present. There are plenty of sailors in Portland, but of these few are looking for ships.

After a conference on the subject, the O. R. & N. officials have given out a change of schedule for the steamer T. J. Potter, which was to go on the Port-

land Astoria and Seaside route June 24, but she will now start at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 1.

The Portland-Asiatic liner Aragoni left Hongkong for this port on the 9th, this month, and will be due to arrive here during the early part of July. The Aragoni will be preceded by the Arabia which is now en route, and due to reach here June 25.

The French ship David d'Angers has been chartered by Meyer, Wilson & Co to load at Southampton for Portland. The last passage of the vessel was from Tacoma to Queenstown. She is of 1578 tons, and should arrive in December.

Capt. John Zumwalt was today placed on record at the customs house as master of the river steamer Vulcan, in place of Captain F. V. Jones. The Vulcan is engaged in towing.

The barkentine Tam O'Shanter is loading at the mills of Inman, Poulsen & Co and is getting pretty well down in the water.

The schooner Endeavor is on the way from San Francisco to this port to load lumber for a return voyage.

One of the two new lightships recently brought to San Francisco from New York will be placed near Cape Mendocino about June 28.

The Elmore will leave out tomorrow for Tillamook.

The tug Dauntless with the barge Monterey in tow arrived in yesterday afternoon with a cargo of oil for Portland.

The schooner Allen A arrived in yesterday from San Pedro to load lumber.

The steamer W. H. Harrison arrived in Sunday from Tillamook with a cargo of dairy products.

The steamer St. Paul crossed out Sunday afternoon for San Francisco.

The steamer Toledo left out Sunday night for Gray's Harbor with freight and passengers.

The schooner Della arrived in Sunday from Alsea with dairy products.

The cruisers Chicago and Boston are expected to sail from San Francisco today for Astoria.

## No Secret About It.

It is no secret that for cuts, burns, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. "It did not take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Texas. 25 cents at Charles Rogers' drug store.

## EVIL OF BAD ROADS

## What the Farmers Are Losing by Poor Highways.

## DETRIMENT TO AGRICULTURE

Cost of Transportation Greatly Increased and Nearly Every Line of Industry Affected and Hauling Produce to Market Almost Prohibited.

The Oregon Good Roads Convention will convene in Portland next Monday for a three days' session. Fifteen delegates have been selected to represent Clatsop county at the convention. It is to be hoped that all of these delegates will attend and receive the benefit of the information that will be derived. Clatsop county is in need of good roads. Bad roads constitute an evil which the rural population has grown so accustomed to all over the county that it has become a habit to endure them without comment. One draw back to the building of county roads in Clatsop county is the almost inevitable demand by some of the farmers for damages, when, in reality, every farmer is benefited by the building of a good road to his farm more than the loss of a few acres of land. Another matter that has retarded roadbuilding in Clatsop county is the large amount of money invested with no appreciable results. There were too many supervisors that lived off the county.

Bad roads are injurious to horses. If the horses and other live stock were able to talk, what a tale of suffering they could tell. Wade knee deep in mud, climbing steep hills and jumping bridges nearly ready to collapse have been the necessities of going to town for every farm horse once upon a time during his life. For every road has experienced its evil days, no matter how well it may now be improved. Who suffers? The horse suffers personal injury; the farmer and other industries only suffer financial injuries. Bad roads stagnate business. They injure the social and educational life on the farm. They spoil the social pleasures of people living in smaller towns who often wish to ride into the country and visit their rural friends. And furthermore, bad roads are expensive. The cost of road transportation is today just three times as great as it would be if we had good roads all over Clatsop county. The average life of the farm horse is shortened several years by the bad roads; live stock is generally lessened in flesh, and farmers wonder why Astoria butchers will not buy their beef cattle. The average speed over a country road today is about 4 miles an hour with a farm wagon. With a good team of horses it is possible to drive twelve miles an hour.

Another detrimental feature of roads in Clatsop county is hill climbing. Some farmers refuse to donate an acre or two of ground for a level road and compel them to be built over hills. Hill climbing, as all horse owners know is hard on the animal. It reduces the flesh very quickly. The roads of the county should be in such condition as to do away with all steep inclines. The life of a horse might be extended several years and the cost of his feed would also be lessened in the improvement and alignment of these defects.

Bad roads prevents immigration. Eastern farmers who are accustomed to drive ten and fifteen miles to town in a little over an hour are not going to buy farms in a county where it takes all day to travel thirty miles, necessitating two days in making a round trip and the expense of remaining in the city over night. Young boys who are raised on a farm become disgusted with farm life for this reason. There is no inducement for them to either farm the homestead or buy an adjacent farm and the result is they seek the cities for employment and the farming industry of the country is decreasing. Clatsop county has the best and most productive agricultural and dairying lands of any county in the United States. A failure of crops was never known. The climatic conditions are perfect, but all of these inducements are offset by bad roads and the inability to get farm produce to market.

There are not to exceed two hundred farmers in Clatsop county with land sufficient to support two thousand. If there were two thousand farmers in the county, the cost of road building would be less as there would be more people to stand the expense. Instead of sending thousands of dollars away from Astoria every year for farm produce, every dollar would be spent among the farmers and would be returned to the merchants in necessities of life, building material, machinery, tools, farm wagons and buggies. Besides, it would bring in thousands of



## DOLLARS

You will save by buying that suit of clothes here. Perhaps you have laid away a twenty spot for a suit. Well, see what others will show you for your twenty, then look at our line for \$17.50. There's no difference except two dollars and a half in your favor.

## VARSITY - SACK

The accompanying cut shows one of our varsity sacks with a full broad shoulder; body fitting and vented seams. A very stylish garment throughout

\$17.50 a Suit

## DON'T FAIL

to inspect our two piece suits in serges and mixtures at

\$10.00 to \$18.00

## P. A. Stokes

Keeps a Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.



dollars from outside cities for farm products from the overplus for shipment. When Astoria can obliterate the name of "Fishing Hamlet," salmon city and fish eaters and be known as an agricultural and dairying county, the accessions to the population of both city and county will be marvelous. But nearly every advertisement of the county, and its resources is devoted to the salmon industry and does not bring one single settler to the city or county. We are still traveling in the same old rut.

## WARREN FAMILY.

Dwight Warren, of New York, Secures Honorary Appointment.

From a paper published at Three Oaks, Mich., the following will be of interest to many Astorians, Mr. Dwight Warren being a brother of Miss Emma Warren, of this City:

"Dwight Warren, having been admitted as a companion of the first-class to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, is this week attending the annual meeting and banquet at the Pantlind House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Warren is quite fortunate in being able to claim companionship in this Order. It is only obtainable by those who have been commissioned officers who have commanded troops in actual battle on the firing line and have rendered special, distinguished and faithful services in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the government of the United States of America. Mr. Warren is the only man in this township admissible to this order. Only about 15,000 in the United States are members of the order.

"Mr. Warren is of fighting stock and has in his home the commissions of four generations: His great-grand-father in the War of the Revolution; grand-father in war of 1812; father, colonel of the 90th State Militia, and two of his own. They are of the same line of Gen. Warren, of Bunker Hill, who was first cousin to his great-grand-father. Mr. Warren is the oldest representative of his branch of the family tree."

Don't let the children suffer. If they are fretful, peevish and cross, give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The best baby tonic known. Strength and health follows its use. 35 cents. Frank Hart, druggist.

## Ladies! Attention!!

Apprentices wanted to perfect themselves in the art of cutting, fitting and designing. Taught quickly by latest methods. Full course, \$5.00—system included.

## SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

MRS. C. G. WILSON  
562 Commercial St.

Up Stairs.

## 3 cans for 25c

That is the price we have set for this week only on the following goods:

Cream Corn, Black Hawk brand, guaranteed first quality. Regular price 10c a can. Special ..... 3 for 25c  
STRING BEANS, Platt's brand; packed in Maryland. Regular 10c a can. Special ..... 3 for 25c  
PREMIUM BRAND TOMATOES, regular 10c a can. SPECIAL ..... 3 for 25c  
MAGIC EARLY JUNE PEAS, none superior. Regular 10c a can. SPECIAL, ..... 3 for 25c

## A. V. ALLEN

THE GROCER.  
Tenth and Commercial Streets.  
Branch at Uniontown.

## The FOARD &amp; STOKES CO.

## "Mohairs Still Hold First Place"

Those dainty, practical, dust-shedding fabrics so popular this season are just as much in demand as ever.

So great has been their popularity that merchants all over the country have been unable to meet the demand they have created.

We predicted early in the Spring that such would be the case and governed our buying accordingly.

The result is that we now have the

## Grandest Assortment of New Mohairs This City Has Ever Seen

And we would like to have every lady in Astoria visit our Dry Goods Department this week and see them. It will do your heart good.

Prices range from 49c to \$1.50 per yard.

Patterns that will suit you.

## The Foard &amp; Stokes Co.

Astoria's Greatest Store.

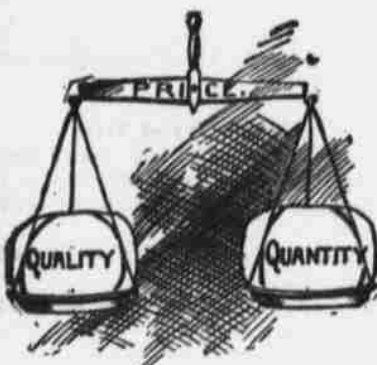
Where New Things Are First Introduced.



This is not a case of quantity, except in so far as you can get more for your money than ever before. Sel-dum does a store offer such

## QUALITY AT THE PRICES

We have quoted for this week's sale.



## CLEARANCE SALE OF WASH SUITS

FIGURED MADRAS AND PERCALE SUITS, SPECIAL 95 CENTS  
WHITE LAWN SUIT, nicely finished worth \$3.00, Special, the suit, \$1.75  
GREY LAWN and other materials, worth \$3.00, Special, the suit, \$1.75  
Suits of Figured Sateen, etc., worth \$3.00, SPECIAL \$2.00  
WHITE LINEN SUIT, well finished worth \$5.50, SPECIAL, ..... \$4.00

## Tailored Suits

NOW \$3.50, \$5.50, \$7.00 and \$9.80. Worth double the price. Must be closed out; Skirts or jackets sold alone at just half that price. Suit, selling special at \$5.50, will be broken and skirt or jacket sold at \$2.75, etc., etc.

## New Arrival of Stylish Braid Hats

The hat for the season. Maxine Elliott, Rolled Back Sailors and other shapes. A nice hat at a low price. See them.



## Now is Oxford Time

To our customers who know the character and quality of our goods, the prices quoted below will appeal very strongly. To those who are not our customers we can only say this is a good chance for you to become acquainted with us and our goods and save yourself money. Just notice the prices we have made.

Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, \$3.50 and \$3.00  
Women's Button Oxfords, made with welt, \$3.50  
Women's Tan Oxfords, blucher cut - - \$2.50  
Oxfords for Children and Young Ladies, the famous Steel Shod line \$1.75 to \$2.25  
Girls and Children's Tan Oxfords in calf and kid, - - \$1.50 and \$2.00  
Barefoot Sandals cut in new patterns, that will not cause sore toes, Children's, 90c, Misses, \$1; Women's \$1.35.

## Wherity, Ralston &amp; Company

The Leading Shoe Dealers.